

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO EMPLOY TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the funds earmarked to employ tribals in various projects have been siphoned off by various Governmental agencies in the country;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether there is lack of coordination between Union Government and the State/UT Governments;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (e) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to control the siphoning of funds ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (e): Instances of the type mentioned in part (a) of the Question have not come to the notice of this Ministry. The schemes of the Ministry for the socio-economic development of tribal people/tribal areas are implemented through the State Governments and a few through NGOs. Funds under these schemes are released to the Departments in charge of Tribal Welfare in the State/UT Governments, which are required to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach the target groups/areas. Funds released under the various schemes are required to be utilized within 12 months from the date of sanction.

In order to ensure that the funds released under the schemes of the Ministry are utilized properly and expeditiously, the Ministry regularly monitors progress of implementation of schemes through periodic meetings with State Secretaries and also through personal visits of officials of the Ministry to the States. The Ministry has further reiterated to the States that release of further funds would be dependent on utilization certificates within the time prescribed to the effect that funds have been utilized for the purpose for which they were released.